

What is claimed is:

1. A method for remotely monitoring vehicle diagnostic trouble codes,
5 comprising:
 - receiving a list including at least one diagnostic trouble code at a vehicle telematics unit;
 - receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from at least one vehicle electronic module at the vehicle telematics unit;
 - 10 determining if the received diagnostic trouble code corresponds with the diagnostic trouble code on the list; and
 - transmitting a communication from the telematics unit to a call center based on a positive determination.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the list received at the vehicle telematics unit is sent from a call center via a wireless network.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from at least one vehicle electronic module comprises periodically sending a diagnostic trouble code request from the telematics unit to the electronic module via a vehicle communication bus and receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from the electronic module to the telematics unit via the vehicle communication bus in response to the request.
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- 25 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the diagnostic trouble code request is initiated responsive to a trigger event.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the list received at the vehicle includes the trigger event.
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6. The method of claim 1 wherein the list received at the vehicle includes at least one vehicle electronic module that is to receive a diagnostic trouble code request from the telematics unit.

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7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
determining responsive action at the call center based on the transmitted diagnostic trouble code.

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8. The method of claim 7 further comprising:
sending a command signal from the call center based on the responsive action determination.

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9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
modifying the list at the vehicle telematics unit.

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10. A computer usable medium including a program for remotely monitoring vehicle diagnostic trouble codes, comprising:
computer program code for receiving a list including at least one diagnostic trouble code at a vehicle telematics unit;
computer program code for receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from at least one vehicle electronic module at the vehicle telematics unit;
computer program code for determining if the received diagnostic trouble code corresponds with the diagnostic trouble code on the list; and
computer program code for transmitting a communication from the telematics unit to a call center based on a positive determination.

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11. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:
computer program code for sending the list received at the vehicle telematics unit from a call center via a wireless network.

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12. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:
computer program code for periodically sending a diagnostic trouble code request from the telematics unit to the electronic module via a vehicle communication bus.
13. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:
computer program code for determining responsive action at the call center based on the transmitted diagnostic trouble code.
14. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:
computer program code for sending a command signal from the call center based on the responsive action determination.
15. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:
computer program code for modifying the list at the vehicle telematics unit.
16. A system for remotely monitoring vehicle diagnostic trouble codes,
comprising:
means for receiving a list including at least one diagnostic trouble code at a vehicle telematics unit;
means for receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from at least one vehicle electronic module at the vehicle telematics unit;
means for determining if the received diagnostic trouble code corresponds with the diagnostic trouble code on the list; and
means for transmitting a communication from the telematics unit to a call center based on a positive determination.

17. The system of claim 16 further comprising:
means for sending the list from a call center.

- 5 18. The system of claim 16 further comprising:
means for determining responsive action at the call center based
on the transmitted diagnostic trouble code.

- 10 19. The system of claim 16 further comprising:
means for sending a command signal from the call center based on
the responsive action determination.

20. The system of claim 16 further comprising:
means for modifying the list at the vehicle telematics unit.